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REPUBLICAN DISTRICT TICKET.

FOR CONGRESS Hon. G. W. SCOFFIELD, of Warren Co.

FOR ASSEMBLY W. E. LATHY, of Forest County.

REPUBLICAN COUNTY TICKET.

FOR SHERIFF JOHN SWAN, Sr., of Jordan township.

FOR COMMISSIONER JAMES GLENN, of Ferguson township.

FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY DANIEL W. M'CURDY, of Clearfield.

FOR JURY COMMISSIONER ROBERT MITCHELL, of Clearfield.

FOR CLERK JAMES HUGHES, of Morris township.

FOR CORONER GEORGE L. WAY, of Curwensville.

The issue this fall is between Republican performance and Democratic promises.

Hon. F. T. Frelinghuysen, of New Jersey, has refused the mission to England, tendered him by President Grant.

Free trade is pulling down cotton mills in England and protection is building them in France, Belgium, and the United States.

The Chicago Post says "in spite of his reverses, Napoleon still continues to be popular in France. He ran well when the plebiscite was submitted, and he runs well now."

The rebels of Florida have issued a call for a convention to nominate a State ticket, but have not the courage to call themselves Democrats.

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THE FRENCH-PRUSSIAN WAR.

What is Doing.

LONDON, August 16.—Two great battles were fought on Sunday, one at Ponce, eight miles east of Metz, and the other at Longeville. The first encounter occurred before the French had drawn off their forces to cross the Moselle by the bridges connecting with the works of Metz. The Prussians assailed the French in their rear guard furiously, pushing them to the very verge of the works of the fortress. The French succeeded in effecting a lodgment behind the entrenchments. Here the French made a determined stand, and resisted the Prussian assault. The second contest then ensued, which resulted in the repulse of the Prussians in an almost hand to hand encounter upon the walls of the outer line of works. The Prussians, though stubbornly contesting their ground, were beaten off by hostile masses, supported by the fortifications.

HENRY, August 15, Evening.—Yesterday the Prussians attacked the French outside their entrenchments at Metz, with great violence. The French line was broken, and their forces driven into Metz. The French loss was 4,000. King William yesterday made a reconnaissance for several hours. He penetrated the French outposts without encountering any demonstration on the part of the French.

BERLIN, August 16.—The following additional particulars of the second battle near Metz, were received late last night: Late in the afternoon of Monday, the First and Seventh Prussian Army Corps, vigorously attacked the French forces under the walls of Metz, when a sanguinary conflict ensued, the French being driven within the city, with a loss of 4,000 men. On the same day a grand reconnaissance, under command of King William in person, maintained itself for some hours within two lines of the French defenses, without any effort on the part of the French to dislodge it. This fact shows the utter demoralization of the French army.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

LONDON, August 17, noon.—Last evening the garrison of Strasbourg was moved to ward Nancy, and were driven back with a heavy loss of men and three guns.

It is reported that Prince Frederick Charles has sent a flag of truce demanding an armistice in order to bury his dead, which was refused by the French Commander.

Advices from Paris state that the Emperor is actively organizing large forces at Chalons. The main body of the French army is concentrated at Etoin, about twelve miles east-northeast of Verdun, and seventy-five kilometers from Chalons.

The Times say the French army received its finishing stroke at Chalons, after which English intervention may be expected.

At the battle of Woerth the French lost 10,000 and the German 1,000. The Germans also took about 7,000 prisoners—4,000 in battle and 3,000 in pursuit.

PARIS, August 17.—The following official news is bulletined at the Ministry of War: The Department of War has just received news from the army, which continues to carry out the movements combined after the brilliant combat of Sunday night. Two divisions of the enemy thought to intercept the French forces, and were repulsed. The Emperor has arrived at Chalons, where he is organizing large forces.

BATTLE NEAR MALATON.

POST-MOUSSON, Wednesday Evening.—Yesterday three corps of the Prussian army, under the command of Lieut. Gen. Von Alvensleben, advanced to the Westward of Metz in pursuit of the enemy towards Verdun. A bloody fight ensued between the French, comprising divisions of Gen. DeCaen, Marshals L'Admiral and Cambray, and Gen. Frossard, and the Imperial Guards, and the Prussian Tenth Corps, supported by portions of the Eighth and Ninth Corps, under Prince Frederick Charles. Notwithstanding the superiority of the enemy they were driven back to Metz after a furious fight, lasting twelve hours. The loss in infantry, cavalry and artillery is considerable on both sides. On our side Generals Doering and Windel were killed, and Generals Kausch and Gruber were wounded.

BERLIN, August 18.—The details of the conflict at Post-a-Mousson have just been received. Marshal Bazaine, endeavoring to fall back from Metz to Verdun, was attacked at nine o'clock on Tuesday morning by the Fifth Division and forced to face about. The Prussians were admirably firm, though they sustained the attack of four French corps, among them the Imperial Guard. After fighting gallantly for six hours the Prussian Fifth Division was reinforced from the Tenth Corps. These reinforcements arrived opportunely. The French found that a prolongation of the contest would be impossible, and they retired upon Metz with a loss of two thousand prisoners, two eagles and seven cannon. The French utterly disregarded the convention of Geneva, by mutilating the dead, firing on surgeon's ambulances, &c.

Generals Frossard and Bartsille are reported wounded. Information of a reliable character has also been received in this city to the effect that a large body of Prussian troops have entered the town of Briey, in the department of the Moselle.

PARIS, August 18.—The different battles around Metz were fought by the troops of the Third and Fourth corps. About forty thousand troops were engaged. The Prussian loss was very great, being computed at twenty thousand. The French loss is comparatively small, owing to the aid afforded by the cannon of the adjacent fortresses. It is pretty certain that the Prince Royal of Prussia was wounded in one of the battles around Metz. An official dispatch from Marshal Bazaine, just received, claims a great victory over Prince Frederick Charles and General Steinmetz, between Concourt and Briarville.

LONDON, August 18, noon.—The French War Office has received a second dispatch from Marshal Bazaine, dated seven o'clock in the evening, declaring that the enemy were repulsed along the whole line. One hundred and twenty thousand troops were engaged in the battle.

The French official reports of the action at Gravelotte on Tuesday, state that the French, although successful, suffered heavily.

It is believed the Prussians will not besiege any fortresses, but will reserve their strength for active operations in order to maintain their numerical preponderance in the field.

General Frossard is reported dangerously wounded.

BATTLE AT MARS LE TOUR.

LONDON, August 19.—A Berlin dispatch to the Times says: The French armies were separated by the victory at Mars Le Tour. The main army at Metz has been brought to bay by the German first and second armies, under General Mantelien and Prince Frederick Charles. The Crown Prince Frederick William, with a third army, is now proceeding rapidly to the north-west, where he will attack Major General Trochu, who with the French reserves, is now posted at Chalons.

Prince Frederick Charles, assisted by General Steinmetz, led the attacking forces. The retreat of the French army was conducted with the greatest skill while the Fourth corps engaged the enemy.

During the battle Marshal Bazaine displayed the greatest valor, and risked his life in the midst of the heaviest fighting. Several horses were killed under him, but the Marshal escaped with only a flesh wound.

One army corps of the Prussian force engaged three corps of the French army and a portion of the Imperial Guard. The cavalry rode down the ranks of the French army, towards the close of the battle, completing the victory, and driving them back on Metz. The prisoners include several officers of the Imperial Guard.

LONDON, August 19, 2:30 P. M.—The following are the latest from the seat of war: There was fighting all day Thursday near Mars Le Tour. The latest French dispatches are full of expressions of confidence of victory.

The particulars of the battle near Metz on Sunday afternoon are being received through French channels. The French claim that the Prussians lost ten thousand killed and wounded, while their loss was not one-half that number.

POST-A-MOUSSON, August 20, via LUXEMBOURG.—The Special to the World says: I witnessed the battle. The Prussians won at fearful cost, mirailleurous doing terrible work. Four villages and battle fields are still strewn with dead. From the front I can see the French on Mont St. Quentin, overlooking Metz from the east. Metz is surrounded, and it looks as if preparations were being made by the Prussians for a siege. General Sheridan, from the King's headquarters, witnessed the battle. The King returned here last night, and the Crown Prince visited him to day, coming from a direction which indicates that his forces are not for Metz Duac.

It is reported that the battery of mitrailleurs which in the recent battles destroyed an entire regiment of Prussian cavalry, was under direction of Marshal Lehouf.

The statement by Count Palika that the French won a victory on the 18th, and drove the Prussians into the quarries of Loumont is repeated from other sources now.

DEATH OF ADMIRAL FARRAGUT.—The most distinguished Naval officer of this country, Admiral David G. Farragut, died at Portsmouth, N. H., on Sunday, September 14th 1870, at the age of sixty-nine years. He was the first and only United States Naval officer who attained the full rank of Admiral—a grade which was unknown in our service until it was created as an acknowledgment of his heroic deeds. For courage and valor he had no superior, and he dies universally lamented by the nation he so faithfully served.

The publisher of the Harrisburg Telegraph offers a copy of the weekly issue, from this time until the first of January next, for the small compensation of 40 cents, or in clubs of 100 for 25 cents per copy. The Telegraph is straight out Republican, and the low price is adopted in order to place it within the reach of all during the present campaign. We cheerfully recommend it to all who wish a thoroughly reliable paper.

The Democratic Representative Conference of this District, met at the Court House, in this place, on Wednesday last, August 17th. John P. Gaul, of Forest county, was elected President, and T. J. Boyer, of Clearfield county, being the only candidate named for the office, was nominated by acclamation, after which the conference adjourned.

The Pennsylvania State Agricultural Society will hold its next exhibition at Scranton in Luzerne county, on the four last days of September. Scranton is a town of fifty thousand population, and has ample accommodations for the entertainment of visitors. Articles intended for exhibition at the shows of the State Society are now charged an entrance fee.

Under the readjustment of salaries, Pennsylvania has thirteen first-class post offices a list of which, with the new salaries, we append: Allegheny, \$3,100; Easton, \$3,300; Erie, \$3,100; Harrisburg, \$3,600; Meadville, \$3,000; Philadelphia, \$4,000; Pittsburg, \$4,000; Pottsville, \$3,000; Tidewater, \$3,200; Titusville, \$3,400; Williamsport, \$3,800.

The Republican State Convention of Iowa last week nominated a State ticket for Judges of the Supreme Court, Secretary of State, and other officers. Their resolutions speak in favor of the Germans in the present war, for equal rights to all, whether native or foreign, and in favor of striking the word "white" out of the naturalization laws.

The manufacturing districts of England are depressed as they never have been before and any one who will visit them may see by evidence that cannot lie, by smokeless chimneys, by closed shops, by crowded poor-houses and glutted jails, by crowds of squalid idlers that the distress is real.—Sir Edward Sullivan, Bart., 1870.

So much for British free trade! Shall we too try it, and with the same or worse result?

A Little of Everything.

Circular saws are had this way.

The chestnut crop promises to be abundant this fall.

Chickens sell for fifty cents a pair in Harrisburg.

An Iowa man aptly advertises kerosene and oil.

New coal discoveries are reported in Tioga county, Pa.

People are beginning to study the fall and winter fashions.

The population of Maine is about 6000 less than it was in 1850.

There are fifteen hundred men employed in the new yard at Philadelphia.

Each wooden leg is but a proof that the glories of war have an artificial end.

A number of our young men are raising base ball moustaches—there is just hair in them.

A New Orleans paper says: At the theatre of war it is always the relatives and friends of actors who sit in tiers.

Two negro women severely chastised a man in Kentucky the other day because he voted the Democratic ticket.

The New York Post thinks it shameful for Napoleon to leave Eugene and to go to Nancy, seeking another engagement.

Pierce lately killed a snake near Uniontown recently, which contained fifty nine other snakes, each about half a foot long.

Calvary is becoming famous as a medicinal plant. It is now recommended as the best anti-scorbutic and blood purifier that grows.

Some hungry individuals got into Sheriff Howe's cellar one night last week and stole two loaves of bread. How is it that for law?

Smallpox has made its appearance in Wisconsin. An entire family of seven died of it last week in the town of Greenville.

Brass instruments develop the countenance. There are some countenances around town that have a lively development of brass.

Perhaps the oldest horse in America is owned by Clark Stevens, of Green county, Mo. The animal will be forty years old next spring.

Miss Edna Howard's idea of temperance is that men had better get drunk at once "with whisky" than waste all day in doing it on beer.

A woman lecturer says woman's sphere is "bounded north by her husband and by her baby, south by her mother-in-law, and west by a mail-sack and a suit."

Electrophotography means the art of photographing objects as magnified by the microscope, by the help of electrical light. A simple little word.

A young gentleman in Louisville is advertised to marry a Beckenridge county belle in the Mammoth Cave. This looks like running matrimony in the ground.

There is a Minnesota editor who says the soil out there is so fertile that skulls planted in spring time will grow next time. Does the editor speak from experience?

The crop of prairie chickens in Iowa is said to be the largest this year. One man who went shooting the other day was gone but eight hours and killed 132 of these birds.

There is a man in Pittsburgh who says he is infallible, and that he can foretell the future. He declares that beyond doubt the world will be destroyed by fire in the year 1875.

A man in the interior of Kentucky has brought suit against a neighbor for branding his shins. If the jury award damages they should order the amount to be paid in shin-plasters.

Chillicothe, Ohio, allows no beer shop, barber shop, livery stable, drug store, or any other establishment of the sort to be kept open on Sunday. We suppose the churches are not closed, however.

Kansas has the champion rattlesnake of the country. He has forty-nine rattles, and drinks a pan of milk at a single sitting. Kentucky has a super in training to accommodate in his boots this interesting reptile.

People can take cold in the hottest weather, somewhat after the fashion of the Irishman who suffered from sleeping in a pasture with the bare down. Some folks should do as they did in war times—avoid the draught.

The Uniontown Standard says: During a thunder storm on the 10th inst., the lightning struck the chimney of Capt. Hagan's store, passed down the stove pipe and killed his son Lucien, about eighteen years of age, who was at the time resting his feet on the stove hearth.

A Troy farmer went to town and kissed another man's wife, and her husband has sued the farmer for \$1000 damages. The agriculturist thinks the price too high, and wants the woman to pay half, as she had as much fun out of it as he had.

The latest thing in fashion to take the place made vacant by the gremlin bond, is the "Boston Dip." It is simply a limp with the north foot. A woman with the Boston Dip acts as though she was fondled, or had a gum-bum on her head.

We heard a lady remark to her husband the other evening, on her return from a short visit, that "after all home was the dearest spot on earth." "Yes, that is so," replied the sentimental husband; "it costs me a deuced sight to keep it."

Juvenile eagerness and maternal solicitude are skillfully blended in the following lines:

"Mother, may I see mamma's watch?"

"No, my girl, do not."

"I bet twice more as forty cent, Dat you get downed in votter."

A man named James Jason, who was sentenced to the State's prison in 1846, from Posey county, Indiana, returned to his former residence on the 20th ult., and found it occupied by his grandson and great-grand children. At the time Jason was sentenced twenty-four years ago, he was fifty-two years old.

A Book for the Times—In press, and ready for immediate issue, "The Great European Conflict, Franco-Prussian War, &c.," giving the real cause of the present struggle; descriptions of the countries of Europe, their governments, resources and armaments, and especially those of France and Prussia; history of the Rhine Provinces, strategic points, geographical position and military importance of the Rhine and other rivers; principal towns and fortresses, with their relative distances; canals, public roads, and railroads constructed with reference to military movements in time of war; military and commercial treaties and conventions existing between the different powers of Europe, with the date and date of execution of the Ruler's Europe; commercial relations, imports and exports and merchant marine of the United States, &c., &c., compiled and arranged from the latest European official, and other reliable sources, by George W. Bible. The Franco-Prussian War is the all-absorbing topic of the day, and all classes of our people display an eager and anxious interest in the different aspects of the conflict. This is a most valuable and reliable information relative to this contest, unparalleled in the history of any of the former wars of Europe. The character of the work is such as to suit the times, and answers as a book of reference, enabling the reader interested in this contest to form opinions intelligently from reliable data. The book is handsomely embellished with engravings of Napoleon III., King William I., M. Ollivier, French Prime Minister, Bismarck, Prussian Prime Minister, &c., accompanied with reliable maps of the seat of war. The work will be published in 12mo form, with clear and handsome type, and will contain over 150 pages. Agents wanted. Address BIBLE BROTHERS, 432 Broome Street, N. Y.